(c) the names of States who have so far failed to hold the scheduled panchayati election; and

(d) the names of States where State Finance Commissions have been set up and have submitted their reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 on Panchayats, which has come into force on 24th April, 1993, among other things, provides for endowing powers, authority and responsibilities on Panchayat by the State Legislatures. All the States and UTs where provisions of this Act are applicable, have passed nescessary State Legislations and have initiated steps to implement them.

(c) Elections to all tiers of Panchayats are due in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry. In Uttar Pradesh, elections to Panchayats in the hill districts are due. In Manipur and Goa, elections to district level panchayats are due.

(d) State Finance Commissions have been set up in almost all the States where the provisions of Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Act, 1992 are applicable. The State Finance Commissions are required to submit their reports to the Governor of the respective States for taking necessary action thereon. SFCs of Punjab, Rajasthan, Assam, Kerala and West Bengal are reported to have submitted their reports.

Gas/Coal Based Power Plants

874. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas based and coal based power plants launched by NTPC in different parts of the country;

(b) the installed capacity of each of such coal-based and gas-based power plant;

(c) whether these power plants have started power generation; and

(d) if so, the total MW of power being produced by each of these plants, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) National Thermal Power Corporation has, so far, commissioned 11 coal based projects and 5 combined cycle gas/liquid fuel based power projects located in different parts of the country In addition to these, one combined cycle power project (Naptha) and extension of two existing coal based projects have been approved.

(b) to (d). The details showing installed capacity and generating capacity of the power plants are given in statement enclosed. All the power plants which have been commissioned are generating power.

STATEMENT

Commissioned/On-going Power Projects

I Commissioned Projects

S No	Name of the Project	Present installed capacity (MW)	Generating capacity (MW)	Location (State)
1	Singrauli STPP (Coal)	2000	2000	Uttar Pradesh
2	Rihand STPP (Coal	1000	1000	Uttar Pradesh
3	Nation Capital Power Project (Coal)	840	840	Uttar Pradesh
4	Feroz Gandhi Unchahar TPP Stage I (Coal)	420	420	Uttar Pradesh
5	Dadri CCGBPP (Gas)	817	817	Uttar Pradesh
6	Anta CCGBPP (Gas)	413	413	Rajasthan
7	Auraiya CCGBPP (Gas)	652	652	Uttar Pradesh
8	Vindhyachal STPP Stage I (Coal)	1260	1260	Madhya Pradesh
9	Korba STPP (Coal)	2100	2100	Madhya Pradesh
10	Kawas CCGBPP (Gas)	645	645	Gujarat
11	Jhanor-Gandhar CCGBPP (Gas)	648	648	Gujarat
12	Ramagundam STPP (coal)	2100	2100	Andhra Pradesh
13	Farakka STPP (coal)	1600	1600	West Bengal
14.	Kahalgaon STPP (coal)	840	840	Bihar
15.	Talcher STPP (coal)	1000	1000	Orissa
16	Talcher Thermal Power Station (coal)	460	460	Orissa
	Total-I	16795	16795	

II. On-Going Projects

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	approved capacity (MW)	present installed Capacity (MW)	generating capacity (MW)	location (State)
1.	Kayamkulam CCPP (Naptha)	400	Nil	NA	Kerala
III. ON-GOING EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROJECTS					
1.	Feroz Gandhi Unchahar TPP Stage II. (coal)	420	Nil	NA	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Vindhyachal STPP Stage II (coal)	1000	Nil	NA	Madhya Pradesh
	Total II+III	1820			
	Total I+II+III	18615	16795	16795	

In addition to above 500 MW for Farakka STPP Stage III is also approved. However, the project is not taken up due to lack of demand in Eastern Region.

STPP : Super Thermal Power Project
TPP : Thermal Power Project
CCGBPP : Combined Cycle Gas Based Power Project
CCPP : Combined Cycle Power Project.

Prices of Petroleum Products

875. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of crude in the international market have registered a fall and will fall further with impending permission to Iraq to sell 2 billion tons of crude;

(b) the prevailing price of crude at the world spot market; and

(c) the reasons for the abnormal raise of administered prices of petrol and petrol products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The oil market is a dynamic market and the oil prices are volatile and are governed by changes in supply/demand fundamentals; market sentiments, political developments in major oil products/consuming countries etc.

(c) The price increase has been necessitated to contain the deficit in the oil pool account and thus enable oil companies to maintain uninterrupted supply of petroleum products in the country.

Oustees of Damodar Valley Corporation

876. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of villagers have been ousted from their native villages as a result of the implementation of various projects of Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). There are 20,646 families (approximately) ousted from their native villages as a result of implementation of various Damodar Valley Corporation Projects.

(c) DVC has paid full compensation to all the affected ousted families. All the infrastructural facilities necessary for day to day life have been provided at the rehabilitated sites. First preference has been given to these ousted families for appointment in DVC in workcharged establishments as well as as muster roll engagements. Under the Social Integrated Programme (SIP) oustees have also been given soft loans and free training for their rehabilitation.

Salal Hydro Power Project

877. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Salal Hydro Power Project is not generating the power according to its power generating capacity;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to improve its generating capacity?